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SUBJECT: MARIO SOARES -- FELIPE GONZALEZ CONVERSATIONS

- 1. AT LUNCH TODAY, MARIO SOARES GAVE ME A BRIEF RUNDOWN ON HIS WEEKEND CONVERSATION WITH PSOE SECRETARY-GENERAL FELIPE GONZALEZ. FOLLOWING WERE PRINCIPAL POINTS:

  -- GONZALEZ WAS OPPOSING SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO NATO ON THE BASIS OF SOME VAGUE THESIS THAT THIS WOULD PROVOKE YUGOSLAVIA INTO JOINING WARSAW PACT. SOARES TRIED TO TELL HIM THIS WAS NONSENSE BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.

  -- GONZALEZ WAS PUSHING FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND ISRAEL. SOARES THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO HIM IN LIGHT OF THE ATTACKS HE
- IS RECEIVING FROM THE ARABS ON GOP RECOGNITION.
  -- GONZALEZ THINKS THE SOVIETS WILL TRY TO BRING CARRILLO DOWN ON THE BASIS THAT HIS EUROCOMMUNIST APPROACH HAD RESULTED IN A SMALL VOTE. THE FACT WAS THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE HAD EVEN LESS THAN 9 PER. HAD CARRILLO TAKEN A HARD LINE.
- 2. THE PSOE AND PS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AT ALL LEVELS; WORKING SESSIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS; AND MEETINGS AMONG STUDY GROUPS CONFIDENTIAL

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